

REMARKS

In view of the fact that allowable subject matter has been indicated to be present in the case, the present amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to bring the application to issue without delay.

1. The priority claim acknowledgment in paragraph 12 of PTOL-326 and paragraph 1 of page 2 of the office action is appreciated.

2. Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgment that the drawing filed on 1 December 2003 is acceptable.

3. An amendment to the specification has been provided to introduce a cross reference to the related application under 35 USC 119 and the International convention. No new matter has been introduced.

4. The Examiner's indication that claims 3 to 6 contain allowable subject matter is appreciated.

Claim 3 has been amended to stand in independent form and all of claims 4 to 6 have been made dependent thereon. In addition, since claims 7 to 11 are compatible with the subject matter of

claims 3 and 4, claims 7 to 11 have been attached directly or indirectly to claim 3 or claim 4. Outright allowance of all of claims 3 to 11 would appear to be in order.

5. The Examiner's specific statements of grounds of rejection under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112 have been carefully considered and the undersigned can state that claims 3 to 11 now appear to be free from any such grounds of rejection.

6. A discussion of the prior art has been rendered superfluous by the acceptance of the allowed subject matter.

Should it be possible to place this case in condition for allowance by an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given at the foot of this amendment or by e-mail at hdubno@kfrpc.com for that purpose.

A prompt response will follow.

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